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Clinical and Pathology Laboratory Leaders to Share Successes in Process Improvement, Lean, and ISO 15189

AUSTIN, Texas (September 1, 2010) —Clinical and pathology laboratory leaders from across the nation and the globe will soon gather at the fourth annual <u>Lab Quality Confab</u> to share successes, innovations, and case studies in the use of process improvement techniques, including such proven methods as Lean, Six Sigma, and ISO 15189. <u>Lab Quality Confab http:www.labqualityconfab.com</u> will take place on November 2-3, 2010, at the Westin Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio, Texas.

<u>Lab Quality Confab</u> and the Process Improvement Institute is now the world's largest gathering devoted exclusively to use of process improvement and quality management methods in clinical laboratories, pathology laboratories, and hospitals. Concentrated learning tracks provide clinical lab and pathology professionals with the best and latest in process improvement and quality management methods to cut costs, improve quality and test turnaround times, and boost labor productivity. Special events at *Lab Quality* Confab will include:

- <u>Lean Six Sigma Poster Presentations</u>, with national awards and a total of \$3,500 in prize money to winners in the categories of clinical laboratory and anatomic pathology.
- Exhibition of Lean, Six Sigma, quality management systems, services, and other products to help those advancing their skills in continuous improvement and quality management.

Details about the program can be accessed directly at: http://www.labqualityconfab.com/program

Lab Quality Confab provides a comprehensive range of sessions, topics, and speakers about process improvement and quality management methods and systems designed to advance the knowledge and skills for senior executives and administrators, managers, and quality team members. There are presentations designed to meet the needs of those experienced in process improvement and quality management as well as individuals just starting on their process improvement and quality management journey!

Editors and reporters are invited to attend.

For more information and to register, visit http://www.labqualityconfab.com or call, toll-free, 800-560-6363. For additional information, Contact: Justin M. Clark, 512-264-7103

About THE DARK REPORT

Established in 1995, THE DARK REPORT is the leading source of exclusive business intelligence for laboratory CEOs, COOs, CFOs, Pathologists and Senior industry executives. It is widely-read by leaders in laboratory medicine and diagnostics. The Dark Report produces the famous *Executive War College on Laboratory and Pathology Management* every spring, which showcases innovations by the nation's and globe's leading laboratory organizations. Dark Daily is an Internet-based e-briefing intelligence service, read worldwide by thought leaders in laboratory and pathology management. Other well-known conferences conducted by THE DARK REPORT are *Lab Quality Confab* (on the use of Lean and Six Sigma methods in labs and hospitals), *Molecular Summit* (on the integration of in vivo and in vitro diagnostics). THE DARK REPORT co-produces *Frontiers in Laboratory Medicine* annually in the United Kingdom; *Executive Edge* bi-annually in Canada; and *The Business of Pathology* bi-annually in Australia.